

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of John Ross of Savannah to the State Forestry Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of the State Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to that Commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen recently appointed John Ross of Savannah to fill a vacancy on the State Forestry Commission; Mr. Ross will represent landowners owning more than 500 acres as a Commission member during a term that will expire on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross is a longtime resident of Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross graduated from Columbia Military Academy in 1964, earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in English from Vanderbilt University, and earned a law degree from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross owns over 7,500 acres of land held by his family for several generations, and uses such land for timber production, and leases the land for hunting and recreational purposes, and also practices real property, probate, and trust law in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was selected by the Tennessee Forestry Association as the 2003 Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross serves as President of the Hardin County Forestry Association, serves on the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Nature Conservancy, is a member of the Legislative and Tree Farm Committees of the Tennessee Forestry Association, is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross's recreational and professional experience would be a tremendous asset to the State Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that all members appointed to the Tennessee Forestry Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of John Ross of Savannah, Tennessee, to a five year term on the State Forestry Commission, such term to expire on June 30, 2009.